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MEMORANDUM

To: Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs)

From: Nicole Ortiz, Vaccine Manager, Colorado Immunization Section (CIS)

Date: February 26, 2014

Subject: Section 317 Zostavax® Vaccine Availability

Section 317 funded Zostavax® vaccines will no longer be available to order as of March 31, 2014. It is not sustainable for the Immunization Section to continue to provide Zostavax due to a 40% decrease in 317 vaccine funding.

You can continue to use the remaining 317 Zostavax® doses you have in inventory for uninsured and underinsured adults age 60 and older.

Merck offers a Vaccine Patient Assistance Program. This program offers Zostavax® vaccine free of charge to qualifying patients. For more information, please visit Merck's website at <http://www.merckhelps.com>.

If you have questions about this change, please contact one of the staff listed below:

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